

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities. The changes are not believed to raise any issues of new matter. A replacement Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

Further, the claims were amended without prejudice to no longer recite any reference numerals.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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